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## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. A GLANCE AT THE COMING SEASON.

The idiosyncracies of the general sporting items appear to considerably better than heretofore in the north, and at this early part of the season to afford a very pleasing study, more especially as the penchant for sport appears so greatly on the increase, and the proclivities of the sporting men often so dissimilar in action, but within principle both exacting and just. Nothing is more conclusive as to the characteristics of a nation and the onward steps of progress than the knowledge of the pastimes pursued by the community; there is mostly an irrepressible desire of aggrandisement amongst all classes in this respect, and in no country more than in England is the passion for true and lawful recreations acted up to with greater genuineness or more universal propriety or less affectation.

It is the desire of the people to work and live, contributing alike to the honour of the nation and their own physical and mental culture. Chivalry has long ago attached its glory to a defunct era, and the prolific and mighty deeds of prowess live more in fancy than in reality. Valorous knights whose skill in the tournament merited kingly courts, also find but small sympathy in the hearts of the British populace of the nineteenth century, who count the candidature of other pastime which, if less regal in splendour and celebration, are at all events more in juxtaposition with the laws of physical education, and which tend indubitably to the unity of the people. A gentleman without his sports must assuredly be an implacable, morose, we might almost say, stupid fragment of anatomy, caring not a jot for the excitement of the chase, the uncertainties of the turf, the exhilarating effects of the cricket field or the river and its associations of grandeur and beauty. We, however, are little troubled in this respect, it is definite that from royalty step by step down to nature nobility are our pastimes recognised, and assuredly such pastimes must continue to prove the character and type of the people, so long as the people themselves are true to the principles that must ever govern the genuineness and practicability of of reasonable administration. Coming events, so says the aphorism, cast their shadows before, and thus it is that we are privileged to notice in the County City the usual bustle and stir which is to be ascribed to the keen aspirations of the sporting man, and the petulant loquacity of the influx of hangers on who, even in their separated spheres, doubtless equally indulge in a species of strolchery to divine the probable current of the racing season recently inaugurated at Lincoln. It is, however, all a game of hazard to the public, who, if they incline to speculation, must submit undividedly to the dictates of fickle fortune, and look on victory and defeat as somewhat synonymous. It is but to think so at any rate, horse-racing in Newcastle is destined to assume an important front amongst our principal racing meetings. The national sport certainly showed a degeneracy during the past few seasons, but now that the entire control of the meetings has passed into the hands of the Newcastle sporting men, under the Limited Liability Act, there is already a disposition to place the North in a position we fancy it should long ago have enjoyed. Two meetings are held yearly, the first generally in March and the principal in June; the former is mostly devoted to steeplechasing, and the latter to flat racing; the very best success attends both gatherings. We scarcely need mention that the Plate day is an occasion of imperative attraction to the Northern people, it ranks almost next to the Epsom Carnival as interests excitement, and in a comparative point of view attendance as well. The great match always creates almost immeasurable interest. It is

*de facto* the centre point of controversy all the year round. A finer sight it is impossible to witness, which is mostly substantiated by those who travel the different meetings, and whose authority it would perhaps be rather difficult to question on such matters. Up to last year the sum added to the Plate Handicap amounted to £200, that figure will however be increased to £300 at the next June meeting. This is one of the many gratifying proofs of the energy of the racing officials. Such a valuable prize ought to tempt owners to send their stock to Newcastle now, without demur, especially as there are other races with money added of a handsome kind. A new two-year-old course is all but completed, and which, when in fair working order, will be one of the best straight runs-in in England. The improvement will afford an almost uninterrupted view of the racing

to the stand patrons; the old course is also undergoing various renovations, which alone will form an important opening; the ring as well will be remodelled, in short, under the new regime, the long felt wants will be at once administered to, and every possible and consistent course will be pursued to place Newcastle amongst the A's on the category of the principal racing meetings. We have not the slightest apprehension of a failure, the shareholders and committee of management are above suspicion, and if energy, capacity, and wealth are the necessary ingredients to ensure success, the victory is already won. We had intended to have enumerated the whole of the Newcastle sporting publicans and gentlemen of note similarly connected, describing their individual and different traits we must, on account of space, forego the intention, for the present at all events, as the subject to our thinking, is of too much moment and general importance to pass over entirely without consideration.

We may, however, fearlessly give a few names that are well known in connection with the Turf, and other sporting matters. Mr. William Blakey, Adelaide Hotel, Newgate-street; Mr. James B. Baird, Star Hotel, Northumberland-street; Mr. Joshua Bagnall, Wheat Sheaf Inn, Bigg Market; Mr. Henry Barlow, Cumberland Arms Inn, Newgate-street; Mr. John Young, Pilgrim-street; Mr. James Wilkinson, Mr. Henry Wardle, Rose Inn, Pudding Chase; Mr. R. Sterling, Plough Inn, Bigg Market; Mr. J. Jamieson, Phoenix Inn, Newgate-street; Mr. R. Emmerson, Ship Inn, Quay Side; Mr. James Percy, Mr. John Hadlow, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. W. Atkinson, Mr. T. Wigham, Mr. W. Walker, Dolphin Inn, Northumberland-street; Mr. Joseph Stewart, Mr. James B. Eldon, Mr. Thomas Pickett, Grey-street, Mr. J. J. Harrison, J. Nanson, Sun Inn Side; T. Drannan, Sandhill.

Aquatics have come next attention, as correctly defined, its importance to the Newcastle public almost exceeds that of the Turf. The sport for years has been venerated by a class, and at the present period, after witnessing a world of changes, it stands a proud item of British pastimes, untarnished, useful and glowing with practical illustrations of its beauty, attractiveness and opportunity. Without entering into any elaborate analysis of the sport, it is incumbent on us to record that the boating never flourished so smoothly and successfully as at the present date; several good matches have already been disposed of since the advent of '66, others of greater consequence are in preparation, and the whole body of the Tyne oarsmen are on the alert to be matched to the best advantage. It is not always a rational observance to be over confident in imagination or theory; nevertheless, looking thoroughly into the condition and prospects of the sport, we cannot but consider that the coming season will be eventful in every sense of the term—not alone for the matches that must result amongst the Tyne watermen themselves; but the likelihood of the "black river" being selected for the probable international contest between Hamill the American Champion, and Kelly, the English chief representative, already has occasioned great interest and discussion in aquatic circles, and which race alone, should it ever take place, would infuse a new life into the recreation, and move the Tyne a step higher in position. That the race will actually come off, of course cannot be stated on fact; it is quite certain, however, that Hamill is alive to the importance of the match, and is doing his best to ascertain the best five-mile course in England. Bob Chambers a week ago received a very polite letter from Hamill, who said, in speaking of the advice he has received from Englishmen, or Tyne men, in America to have the match pulled on the Tyne, "Upon



EDWARD O'BALDWIN.

The Game Fight with George Iles (see another page) would appear to foreshadow

THE "COMING CHAMPION OF ENGLAND."







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Lord Douglas b h by Claret out of Chas. ...	5	7	12
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Gayous, br m by The Cure out of Gay	5	7	0
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Express of India, br m by Gaiswain out of Pretty Girl	5	6	12
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Wellesley, g c by Arthur Wellesley out of Maid of Dorwent	3	5	9
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Privateer, b h by Skirmisher out of Queen Lily	5	8	4
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Polly Perkins, b f by Farnham out of Vertumna	3	5	10
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Delight, b c by Ellington out of Placid	3	6	0
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Caprice, br f by Knight of Kars out of Captions	3	5	12
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Jamus, b h by The Great Unknown d by Daniel O'Rourke	5	7	4
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Filbert, ch c by Ethelbert out of Adelaide	3	6	3
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Melastophiles, b c by Newminster out of Polanthus	3	6	3
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Sidewind, br f by Scandal out of Brocco	3	6	4
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Lady Sophie, br f by King Tom out of Bridle	3	6	4
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Juliet, b m by Teddington out of Happy Queen	3	6	0
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Wellbeck, br h by Teddington out of Mary Copp	3	5	7
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Cressbow, br f by Loughout out of Rance	4	7	7
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By W. King			
Backfoot, br h by Acrobat out of Holbrook	5	7	12
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Gemma, ch m by Womersley out of Mayne	3	6	8
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Signalman, b h by Vedette out of Blanche	5	7	7
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Felan, b h by Commotion out of Miss Hawkey	4	6	7
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Helen, b f by Volunteer out of M. P. Price	4	6	7
By R. Drowitt			
Catalogue, b f by Leamington out of Elogue	4	7	2
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Arabis, b f by Ambrose out of Grace	4	6	12
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Stockinger, b h by Stockwell out of Lady Evelyn	3	6	8
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Pelion, b h by Pelion, dam by Bay Middleton out of Vanity	5	7	8
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Treasure Trove, b c by Fanning out of Asteroid out of Secret	3	5	10
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Dulcimer, ch f by Trumpeter out of Victoria	4	6	6
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Gordian Knot, b h by Sir Talbot Sykes, Sweetest, or Knight of	5	7	10
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## PEDESTRIANISM.

## BROMPTON.

**SATURDAY, February 17.**—Notwithstanding the counter-attractions of Beaufort House, the West London Cricket Grounds had a large attendance on Saturday last, where many events were set down for decision, the most interesting of which was the deciding heats of Rogers's 120 Yards open Handicap.—The preliminary trials were run on February 5th, when 95 acceptances out of the large entry of 147 were divided into 20 heats, the winners of which were again drawn in four lots of five each, and finished on Saturday. A large number of turf and betting men were present; there were at least a dozen lists posted, and much money deposited upon the results. A regular telegraph was erected with numbers corresponding to the printed cards, and the winner at once hoisted at the termination of each race. Mr. Jones was referee, and Mr. Rogers starter, and to the latter especial praise is due for the satisfactory manner in which the largest and most exciting pedestrian handicap ever witnessed in London was carried out. The heats were decided as follows:—

against him, he withdrew. There was a good start, and a good race was the result.

**Fourth heat.**—Small (2 to 1 agst) came in first; Gowan (3 to 1 agst) was second, and W. Owens (5 to 1 agst) was third. This was another exciting contest, and more than usual interest was attached to it from the fact that all four started before the pistol was fired, and every one was put back a yard. This was another fine struggle, but Small was awarded a victor by a yard, Gowan second, and Owens third. Hannant passed the post first by a foot, but having most wilfully crossed and fouled Small, he was most properly disqualified.

**Final Heat.**—The first four now came to run off for the prizes, £10 for the first, £2 for the second, and £1 for the third, and Mr. Rogers had added a fourth prize for fourth on account of the large entry, and the necessity of making four lots of the 20 winners. Great excitement prevailed as the men took their marks. Thomas, 7 (with 6 to 4 offered on him, but no takers), came in first by a little more than a yard; Atkins, 15 (4 to 1 on), was second; Small, 3 (2 to 1 agst), third; and F. Day, 11 (4 to 1 agst), fourth, a shoulder only separating second, third, and fourth from each other.

**JACKSON AND STEVENS.**—Not the least exciting event of the day was the quarter of a mile race between the above men, both belonging to

Thirty entries were divided into six heats, the final being thus decided:—

**Final Heat.**—A good race between the five winners ended in Arlington coming in first by a foot only, Simmond was second, and Fellows third.

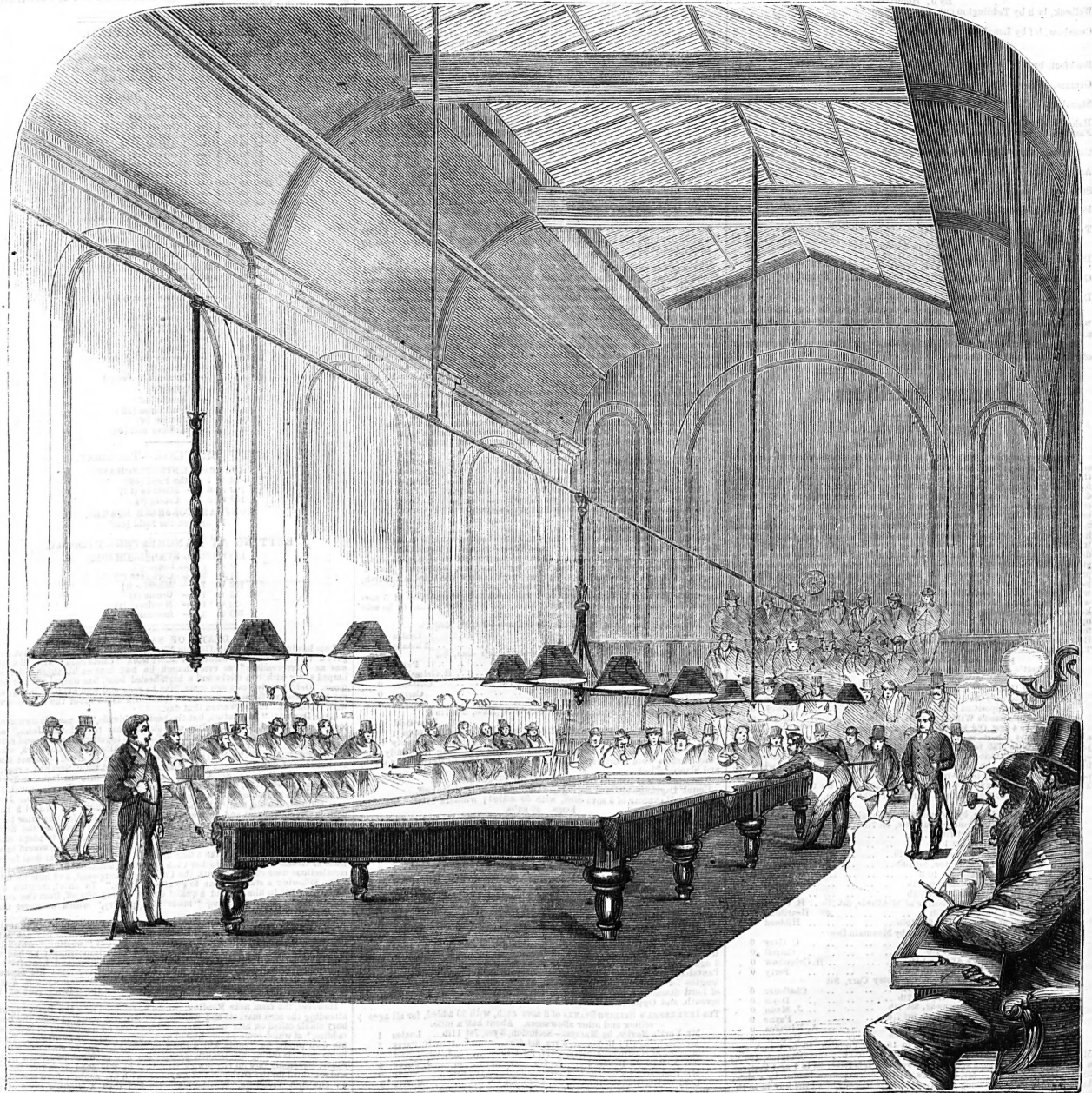
**SWEETSTAKES OF £15 AND A CUP.**—Challis, Fergusson, and another entered into a sweepstakes of £5 each to run a quarter of a mile. The other two did not put in an appearance, so Challis walked over and received the £15.

**COOPER AND CRITCHLEY.**—The former is of North Woolwich, and the latter is from Birmingham. They had to run 120 yards for £10 a side. Cluney Weston waited on the Brum, and Bash upon Cooper. The odds of 3 to 2 on the latter was justified by the latter, for Cooper won by four yards.

Mr. C. Brown acted as starter; and Mr. John Goulding, who has now the management of the grounds, was referee.

## BARNSELY AND DISTRICT.

**120 YARDS HANDICAP AT GAWBER.**—On Saturday afternoon last a good number of the lovers of pedestrianism assembled at Gawber, near Barnsley, the event being the final heats of a 120 yards handicap foot race, promoted by Mr. S. Charlesworth, of the New Inn. The pe



GRAND BILLIARD ROOM OF THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE, HAMPSTEAD ROAD.

**First Heat.**—E. Wilson, 7 yards start, G. Lee, 9, Bower, 10, G. Portch, 10, and Thomas, of West Ham, 13, were the starters. The betting was 2 to 1 on Thomas winning the heat, and not less than 4 to 1 was offered to be laid against his winning the handicap "all through," it was 3 to 1 each against Lee or Wilson winning the heat, and 4 to 1 agst Portch. Thomas justified the odds against him, for after a good start was effected, he never allowed his opponents to pass, and won at last easily by three yards; Portch was second, and Bower well up for third.

**Second Heat.**—Atkins (3 to 2 on) 15, was first; Clark (4 to 1 agst) 13, second; and Waterhouse (6 to 4 on), third; Ford, only 3 yards start (3 to 1 agst), and Tucker (4 to 1 agst), also started. Ford had the best of the start, but one of the best races ever witnessed took place, for at not more than 30 yards from home the whole five were side by side, when Atkins shot out and won by a yard. Clark was second, and half a yard behind came Walter's Novice for third, Tucker a shoulder before Ford, but both not half a yard behind the men placed.

**Third heat.**—F. Day (3 to 1 agst) came in first by a yard and a half; Hughes (4 to 1 agst) was second, and Wattle's Novice (4 to 1 agst) was third. A man entered in the name of Ede, and any odds could have been had upon his winning, but a protest having been entered

large building firms—Jackson of Messrs. Myers and Sons, and St. vens of Lucas Brothers. The stake was for £24 a side, Mr. Brown attending upon Jackson, and Mr. Charles upon Stevens; Rogers was starter, and Mr. H. Woodstock was the referee. It was one of the best races witnessed for years. Jackson, the larger man, got the lead, but his plucky little opponent stuck to his man firmly, and although having to run on the outside, got to Jackson's shoulder in the back stretch; the top turn again gave Jackson a slight lead, as also did the bend in coming into the straight; Stevens nearly got up to the leading man's shoulder within twenty yards of home, and was only defeated in the end by half a yard in the quarter of a mile.

**COVENEY and TAYNOR.** both of the City-road, next run 150 yds, for £5 a side, Coveney receiving a start of five yards. The latter won as he liked, and could have fairly given his opponent a like advantage.

## BOW.

**SATURDAY, Feb. 17.**—More than 300 persons assembled at the Prince of Wales Grounds to witness the events set down, the principal of which were as follows:—

**A HANDICAP OF 100 YARDS.**—This was for money prizes given by Mr. C. Brown, for men who had never previously won over £2

liminary canter were run on Saturday, the 10th inst., when five heats were run. The following is the results:—First heat: J. Fairclough, 31 yards start; A. Ward, 22½, second; and J. Fairclough, 13½, third. A good race won by three yards. Second heat: E. Newsome, 22; and C. Pierpoint, 12. Won by four yards. Third heat: O. Fairclough, and E. Newsome ran for first prize, and after a good race Newsome won by a foot, and was accordingly awarded the first prize of £2. J. Fairclough second, £1. The third prize of 10s. was divided by Ward and Pierpoint. The weather was very favourable during the running, but speculation very dull.

**RICHARD BARROUGHLIGHT and William Gee** have asked £1 each with Mr. J. Brittain, of Lundhill, to run a race of 100 yards, for £5 a side, in three weeks, at Sheffield (either at Newhall or Hyde Park, whoever wins the toss to choose), referee, Mr. John Brown, of Lundhill.

**RANT and MARNEY.**—A match has been made for £25 a side and a £1 a side deposited for a mile race, at Sheffield Hyde Park, on five weeks from Monday last, between J. Rant, of Holmforth and William Marney, of Marborough Common, near Barnley.

**MARR and MARLEY.**—Mr. James Brown, of the Clearance Hotel, Sheffield-road, Barnsley, is in receipt of a deposit and articles for



a mile race, for £2 a side, between William Marr and B. Malkin of Barnsley, at the Dillington Park Grounds, Marsborough Common, on Saturday (this day).

**BARRATT AND WOOD.**—A match has been ratified for a spin of 120 yds, at the Dillington Park Grounds, Marsborough Common, on Easter Monday, between E. Barratt, of Marsborough Dale, and William Wood, of Barnsley, for £10 or £15 a side. Mr. James Brown, of the Clearance Hotel, is the stakeholder, and has received £1 a side.

## BIRMINGHAM.

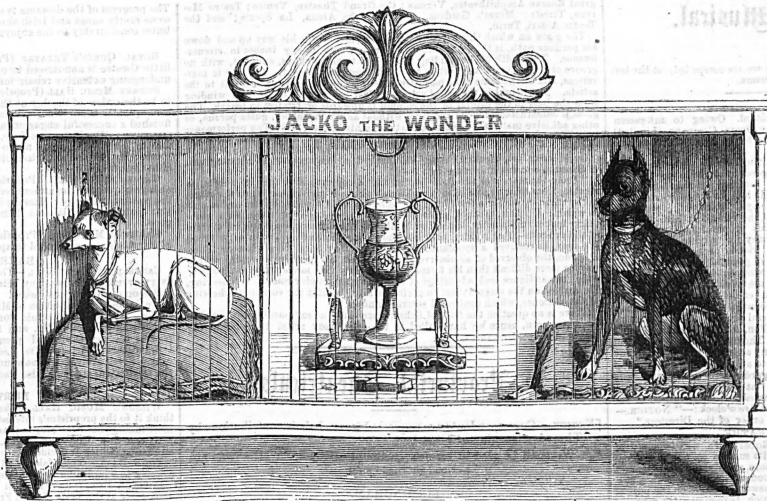
**ASTON CROSS.**—The only race appointed for Monday was between Freeman and Alleroff to run 100 yards for £5 a side. This match, from which so much was expected, proved a disappointment. The fifteen minutes allowed for starting having elapsed, the start was to have been effected by firing a pistol, either party leaving the mark previously having to forfeit his stake. The pistol was to have been fired by Mr. T. Clulee, but before that had taken place, Freeman had started, and was consequently adjudged to have won. Alleroff thereupon walked over, and was allowed to be the winner. Betting 6 to 4 on Alleroff. Mr. Watts referee.

**NEW VAUXHALL GROUNDS.**—The new mile novices' handicap, for money prize, was run on Monday, and was one of the most exciting races lately seen. There were eighteen entries, divided into four heats, which were run in the following order:—First heat—G. Lester, 100 yards, beat De Grass, scratch by 40 yards, never having been overtaken. J. Jones, 30 yards, and S. Tompson, 70 yards absent. Second heat—E. Smith, scratch, J. Green, 50 yards, Mordike's novice, 110 yards, J. Tompson, 60 yards, and N. Rose, 30 yards. An excellent start was made, but Tompson left the field at the second lap (of 235 yards each). Smith in the fourth, from having broken his shoe; Rose in the fourth lap, and Green half way round the fifth lap, leaving Mordike's novice to run nearly two laps at his ease. Third heat—J. Davis, 100 yards, beat B. Caswell, 70 yards—J. Condon, 90 yards, and A. Froggatt, 100 yards, absent. Caswell was backward in starting, and gave up in the sixth round. The fourth heat was contested by H. Smalley, 160 yards, and W. Horn, 110 yards; C. Plummer, 30 yards, Powell, 30 yards, and T. Elton, 40 yards, not appearing. Smalley was passed in the third round, and did not recover his ground, but lost by 10 yards. The final heat was run by W. Horn, 110 yards, Mordike's novice, 40 yards, G. Lester, 100 yards, and J. Davis, 100 yards. Horn took the lead at starting, but in the third lap Lester went in front, in the fourth lap, Mordike's novice was leading, and won by four yards, Davis second, and Lester (ten yards behind) third. Horn having retired from the contest at the fifth lap. Mr. A. B. Roberts, referee; Mr. J. Hodgkiss, starter. Betting 6 to 4 on the field bar one.

**HOLYOAKE AND E. JOICE.**—Between the preliminary and final heats of the handicap this match of 160 yards, for £5 a side, was decided; Mr. Roberts referee. Holyoake had the best of the start, but Joice collared and passed him at half distance, and won by two yards.

**GRIMMOND, OF LEICESTER, AND THORNE, OF WORCESTER,** are again matched to run a mile at Aston Cross, for £10 a side, Thorne having 8 yards start. To be run at Aston Cross on Monday, March 12. Mr. S. Beasley, Hen and Chickens, Bartholomew-street, Birmingham, stakeholder and referee.

**DE GRASS AND W. WORKMAN,** both of Worcester, are matched to run a quarter of a mile, for £10 a side, to run off at Aston Cross on Monday, March 19th, De Grass giving 5 yards start. Mr. T. Clulee, jun., stakeholder, Turk's Head, Aston-road.



JEMMY SHAW'S RENOWNED CHAMPION RATTER, Accompanied by his Trophies.—(See another Page.)

**YOUNG JAMES, of Birmingham,** will run Charley Lowe, of Handsworth, 160 yards for £10 or £15 a side, at Aston Cross or Vauxhall, at his own time. Money ready at G. Underhill's, Black Boy, Standforth-street, Birmingham.

**H. SMALLEY, of Birmingham,** is matched to walk 8 miles, whilst an unnamed London ped runs 10 miles and leaps 50 hurdles, for £10 a side, of which deposits of £3 each have been paid to Mr. Smith, the proprietor of the New Vauxhall Grounds, where the race will come off on Monday, March 12.

**G. LESTER, of Birmingham,** is matched to walk J. Miles, of Liverpool, 7 miles, for £25 a side. Lester to have a minute start. To come off at New Vauxhall, Monday, April 2.

**E. MILLS, of Aston, and H. GURNEY's match** for £10 a side, to run a mile (Mills having 11 yards start), continues to hold good, the parties having gone into active training for the occasion. It is appointed for February 29, at Aston Cross.

**THE 120 YARDS MATCH** between J. Dudley, of Wednesbury, and T. Wilcox, of Hill Top, for £15 a side, is also going on favourably, half the stakes being deposited. To come off at Aston Cross, on Monday, March 5.

**J. MEEK, of Walsall, and R. POXTON, of Wednesbury,** have also been matched for £10 a side to run 120 yards, at Aston Cross, on Monday, March 5. Half the amount has been placed in the hands of Mr. T. Edge, referee and final stakeholder.

**HILL THE NAILOR, of Lye Waste,** is matched to run T. Roberts, of Birmingham, 10 miles, for £10 a side, at Aston Cross, on Monday, April 2.

## OXFORD.

**HURDLE RACE.**—The silver goblet offered by the members of Lincoln College, Oxford, for a 200 yds hurdle race (over twelve flights of hurdles), was competed for on Monday afternoon on the Bullingdon School-Ground, and attracted the unusual number of twenty-one competitors, there being amongst them some of the best runners in

the University. As it was impossible to start the men all together they were divided into five heats, which were run off in succession, and the final heat, which comprised the winners only, was deferred to a later period of the day, in order to allow breathing time. First heat—1, Fell. St. John's; 2, Fellows, Brasenose College; 3, Watts, Brasenose College; 4, Foster, New College; 5, won in 30 seconds very easily. Second heat—1, Hillyard, Pembroke; 2, Jackson, Magdalen Hall; 3, Haggard, Magdalen; 4, Kennedy, New College; 5, a fine race, ending in the defeat of Mr. Jackson, the favourite, time, 31½ secs. Third heat—1, Morgan, Magdalen Hall; 2, King, Merton; 3, Lake, New College; 4, Moore, Christ Church; 5, Morgan won in splendid style in 24½ secs. Fourth heat—1, Powell, Brasenose; 2, Newham, Magdalen Hall; 3, O'Neill, Brasenose; 4, Price, Oriel; 5, time, 32½ secs; Price fell. Fifth heat—1, Vidal, St. John's; 2, Walton, Magdalen; 3, Wilmot, University; 4, Williamson, Pembroke; 5, White, Wadham; 6, Vidal was the favourite and justified the judgment of the public by winning by five yards in 29 secs. Final heat—1, Morgan; 2, Fell; 3, Haggard; time 28 secs; Fell and Vidal came into collision twice, and thereby jeopardised their chances. The winner had recently been successful in several open prizes at Oxford, while Vidal will be remembered as winning the Corpus open prize for hurdles and several other open races. Fell was successful on Saturday in two of the open events of the London Rowing Club, viz., the quarter mile and 250 yards race.

## KNURR AND SPELL.

## BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT.

On Saturday last, a knurr and spell match for a small stake, came off in a field at the top of New-street, Barnsley, between two youths named Gooder and Hoyland, both of Barnsley. Twenty rises each were played, when Hoyland won by several scores. On the same day, a match for £1 a side came off at Marsbro' Dale, between Henry Oxley and George Wright, both hailing from that village. Twenty rises each were the conditions. Wright won easily. On Monday last, a match for £2 was played at Marsbro' Bridge, between two youths named Benjamin Clegg and Walter Winter, both of Marsbro' Dale. The lads played remarkably, and kept well together, as will be seen from the following scores, which show a slight majority for Winter:—Clegg: 8, 7, 8, 8, 7, 8, 8, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8, 7, 6, 6, 8, 7, 0. Winter: 7, 7, 8, 2, 8, 6, 8, 7, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 6, 6, 8, 7, 0. Mr. Nobles, of the Keel Inn, was stakeholder, and Mr. Ibbertson, of Marsbro' Dale, referee.

**A VINEYARD.**—It is said that the Buena Vista Vineyard, in Sonora county, California, is the largest in the world. It consists of 6,000 acres, with 228,000 vines planted previous to 1865, and 700,000 planted, or to be planted, this year. Last year the yield was 42,000 gallons of still wine, 60,000 bottles of sparkling wine, and 12,000 gallons of brandy. One hundred men are constantly employed, and double that number during the vintage. There are 8,000 fruit trees, and large varieties of grapes.

**THE OLD BERSKLEY HOUNDS.**—A meet of more than ordinary interest took place on Saturday morning at Money-hill Park, Mill-End, Rickmansworth, Bucks. A vast number of spectators were attracted to witness the meet, including many leading members of the aristocracy, most of whom were superbly mounted. The weather was delightful for good sport.



JEMMY SHAW'S PARLOUR.

The "Evergreen" is seen sitting in his usual corner at the Wrekin Tavern, Broad Court, Bow Street, Covent Garden surrounded by the First of Fanciers, with their "Pis and Beauties." (See another Page.)







and the other is a copy of the original.

## Athletic Sports.

## LONDON ROWING CLUB ATHLETIC SPORTS AT BEAUFORT HOUSE.

We have ever given our best support to athletic exercises, and the increasing popularity was fully shown on Saturday last, in the grounds of Beaufort House, Walham-green, kindly granted by Lord Russell for the London Rowing Club to bring off their first meeting, which proved a most deserved success. The management was first-rate. H. H. Playford, Esq., officiated as judge, and E. C. Morley, Esq., as starter, performing their onerous duties to the satisfaction of all present, among whom were many ladies. K. T. Digby, Esq., B. C. Molloy, Esq., and R. Willis, Esq., of the committee, also gave efficient aid; while the courtesy and untiring efforts of Charles Dickens, Esq., the respected secretary, was a great adjunct to the success of the meeting. All finished at five.

The 300 yards handicap and a one-mile race were open to all comers, and in the latter the chief prize was a large and very handsome silver cup, presented by Messrs. K. T. Digby and B. C. Molloy, both members of the club, whilst the second prize, also a cup, was given by the club. No less than nineteen gentlemen entered for the handicap, amongst whom were members of the Civil Service, North London, West London, London, Nautilus, and King's College Rowing Clubs; and Oxford and Cambridge Universities, together with Charterhouse competitors ranged from scratch to 35 yards, the respective heats brought out fourteen runners, and were in every instance won by less than half a dozen paces, though Mr. Jobling, in the second only succeeded in gaining first place by less than four feet, and the first and fourth were secured by a couple of yards. Mr. Charles Westhall's judgment as handicapper does not, therefore, need further comment, though we may mention that he received many congratulations for the manner in which he had weighed the merits of the different candidates for honours, and brought each man to his proper level.

The weather was fair, but bitterly cold and dull; had it been bright and fine no doubt an extraordinary number would have witnessed the running; as it was we rather wondered at the large assemblage of ladies, who braved the piercing wind and chance of a shower, and cannot but express our admiration at the lively interest they took in the sports. It is seldom, round London at least, and save on school grounds, that ladies are seen at gatherings of this sort; but the success of the London Rowing Club meeting will doubtless embolden other athletic societies to court the attendance of the fair sex, whose presence so much enlivens the proceedings at any of the competitions in the numerous manly exercises in which Englishmen delight to take a part. To the committee all praise is due, not only for the ordinary arrangements, which were admirable, but for the capital time kept between races, and the great regularity maintained throughout. During the afternoon the excellent band of the 2nd South Middlesex Volunteers, under the leadership of Mr. Hayden, played several selections, and enough, both in quality and quantity, dance music to set the feet of its hearers on the move for a week to come. A full description of each race will be found below, and the time given, taken by one of Benson's (Ludgate-hill) independent seconds watches, may be relied on as correct.

**THE HUNDRED YARDS RACE** (London Rowing Club).—This was divided into two heats, both of which were walked over for by W. Collett in the first, and G. Drayson in the second. The final heat was a close race all the way, but Collett won by nearly two yards. The time 11 sec. and nearly a "tick."

**HANDICAP OF 300 YARDS** (open to all).—The nineteen entries were divided into four heats, and came off as follows:—

First Heat.—M. M. Mackenzie, 18 yards start (Charterhouse), 23, won easily by two yards; D. Nelson (W.L.R.C.), 23, was second; and K. T. Digby (L.R.C.), 18, was third; four yards between second and third. Time, 32½ sec.

Second Heat.—Another tremendous race between M. E. Jobling (N.R.C.), 17, and A. J. Wilkinson (St. John's College, Cambridge), 14, ended in the former winning by a bare yard; T. S. Goldsmith (W.L.R.C.), 23, was third, two yards behind. Time, 32½ sec.

Third Heat.—There were only three started, when W. Collett (L.R.C.), 23, won easily by six yards; J. H. Pollard (King's College R.C.), 27, second. Time, 32½ sec.

Fourth Heat.—C. G. Emery (Civil Service), 14, took the lead and won easily by 12 yards; G. Ryan (L.R.C.), 23, second; C. B. Nunn (Guy's B.C.), 20, third. Time, 32½ sec.

**Final Heat.**—This was a splendid race. Collett got the start, and held the lead up to half the distance, when Jobling challenged him, and a fine struggle ensued, up to within 14 yards of home, when Collett again shot in front, and won by a good two yards; Jobling second, Emery a good third; and Mackenzie, a yard behind the latter, fourth. Time, 31½ sec.

**The High Jump.**—R. Graham was the winner, having cleared 5 ft. 3 in. W. Slaughter was very close, jumped 5 ft. 2 in.; and G. Drayson, who was third, 4 ft. 9 in.

**THE ONE MILE RACE** (L.R.C.).—This was for two prizes. G. Ryan, J. P. Moore, and D. T. Campbell started. Ryan took the lead from the first, was ten yards in front at the end of the first round (three laps to the mile), increased his lead to more than thirty yards at the end of the second, and won as he liked; Moore second, and Campbell third. Time, 5 min. 34 sec.

**THE 400 YDS RACE** (L.R.C.).—Messrs. C. Y. Fell and H. J. Chinnery were the only starters, when the latter, with the advantage in getting off, came to the front and held the lead for more than half the distance, the pace up to this time being first-rate. Fell now rushed to the front, and eventually won by seven yards. The time 53 seconds, considering the heavy course, was very good.

**THE OPEN RACE OF ONE MILE.**—P. M. Thornton, Jesus College (Cambridge) came in first, W. M. Chinnery (W.L.R.C.) was second and A. King (Ilex R.C.) was third; the other five competitors being out of the race at half the distance. It was an excellent struggle between Messrs. Thornton and Chinnery, nor was it until more than three-quarters of the mile had been gone over that Mr. Chinnery had to succumb, and Mr. Thornton won at last by 20 yds. Time for the half-mile, 2 min 16 sec; the winner accomplished the mile in 4 min 17½ sec. This was for two prizes.

**THE HURDLE RACE OF 250 YDS** (L.R.C.).—O. Y. Fell came in first, D. M. O'Leary was second, and R. Graham third. They had to go over ten flights of hurdles, at the first of which R. Wootton fell heavily, and was out of the contest; it was, however, a good race half the way, but in the end Mr. Fell won clevery.

**THE TWO MILES RACE.**—(L.R.C.) H. J. Chinnery came in first by 15 yards, after a good struggle; K. T. Digby was second, the others being out of the race. The first mile was accomplished in 5 min 22 sec, and the two miles, over very heavy ground, in 11 min 5 sec.

The band of the South Middlesex Volunteers, under the able leadership of Mr. Hayden, enlivened the scene during the afternoon, when many appropriate pieces of music were most excellently performed. Immediately after the sports James Layton, Esq., president of the club, in an interesting speech presented the "open" prizes to the successful competitors, except to the principal winner, Mr. Thornton, who had previously left. The next meeting of the L.R.C. will be held at the clubroom, Star and Garter, Putney, when the "club" prizes will be presented to the winners. It is but due to

straight run in gained fast on the first man, Lord Aberdour, who came in about six yards in front of Mr. Pelham.

**Second Heat.**—Lord Melgund dashed off at a great pace, but was passed by Spung coming down the hill, where Little, who had been creeping up, lurched in earnest, and after a splendid race he and Lord Melgund made a dead heat for second place, Lord being first. But for a dog, which got in the way at the finish, Little would doubtless have finished easily before Lord Melgund.

**Third Heat.**—Prickett out the running as far as the old Pavilion, when Reid came to the front, and passing all his men by the new Pavilion, went in an easy winner.

**Fourth Heat.**—Up to the top of the hill Milvaia and Conolly were running well within themselves, but here Milvaia put on high pressure, and went in front, with Conolly close at his heels. Coming round the last turn Milvaia was leading by about three. Coming round the last turn Milvaia was leading by about three yards from home, and ultimately won by about two yards.

**Deciding Heat.**—After some delay the deciding heat was run off, and from the game and splendid race Mr. Pelham had made it, was thought he would stand a good chance, though the long start of Lord Aberdour made him as good a favourite. Lord Aberdour, 57 yards start; Reid, 25; Long, 15; Conolly, 15; Little, 5; Hon. Mr. Pelham, scratch, came to their posts to run this heat, and after a short time, all got away to a good start. Lord Aberdour made the running at sharp pace, while Mr. Pelham brought up the rear, going splendidly. Very little change took place up to the end of the first round, when Conolly came out and Reid fell back a little, Little and Pelham, however, were in the gap. Coming into the straight run, it appeared to be impossible, from the long lead which Lord Aberdour held, for anyone to catch him, but Conolly came round the corner with Long, Little, and Pelham in close pursuit. A splendid race ensued to the winning-post between these four for second place, and, after a most exciting finish, Mr. Pelham just caught Little in his last stride, and won the second prize by the smallest possible difference; Lord Aberdour coming in first by about five yards and winning the first prize, a Silver Cup.

## OXFORD ATHLETIC SPORTS.

## MAGDALEN SPORTS.

The gentlemen of this college, who are proverbially known as great patrons of the old English out-of-door amusements, had their annual competition on Friday and Saturday last, and, as may be supposed from the near approach of the "Inter-Varsity" sports, coupled with the "Strangers' Race" of a quarter of a mile, caused a great deal of interest. The winner of the prize will prove no common competitor on the occasion of the Oxford and Cambridge athletic sports. Under the management of Messrs. M. G. Knight, Rev. H. Daman, and the Rev. T. H. T. Hopkins (judge and handicapper), the sports commenced with a Flat Race of 100 Yards.—Mr. Knight, who was handicapped one yard, won the first heat; Mr. Swire the second heat, beating Mr. Philpott's (second) and several more. The final heat was won by Mr. Knight.

**High Jump**, for which Mr. Walton was handicapped half an inch, was won by Mr. Parsons, 5ft. 4½ in.; the second prize falling to Mr. Walton, 5ft. 2 in.

**Half-mile Handicap**, for which there were 25 entries, was won in 2 min 5 sec by Mr. Knight, who was handicapped 35 yards; Daman 35 yards; second, Fletcher (70 yards); third, and Mitchell (scratch) fourth.

**Throwing the Hammer.**—This sporting event, which combines strength with activity, was won by Mr. Horner (32ft. 2 in.). Mr. Powles, who was handicapped three feet, 63ft. 7 in.

**Strangers' Race**, quarter of a mile, for which Messrs. E. Nolan (St. John's), Bowman and Burra (University), MacLaren (New Inn Hall) and Heath (Pembroke) entered. Mr. Nolan, from his previous exploits, was premier in the betting, odds being offered on him. Mr. Burra took the lead at a clipping pace for about a quarter of the distance, but as soon as Mr. Nolan got into his fine stride the race might be fairly considered as over. Mr. Bowman, after passing Mr. brother collegian, challenged Mr. Nolan, but the speed of the latter was too good for his competitors, he winning by six yards (11½ ft.). Mr. Bowman with difficulty wrestling the second place from Mr. Burra. Time 55½ sec.

**One Mile Race** (18 entries): Cox 1, Worsley 2, Richardson 3. The winner was the favourite.—The servants of the college, through the kindness of their masters, ran a race of a quarter of a mile, the winner (Reesley) doing the distance in 62 sec.—**The Back Race**, which is not much thought of, was a dead heat between Robinson and Heath.—**Quarter of a Mile**: After an exciting race, this was won by Mr. Forster, Mr. Knight 2nd—Long Jump: Walton 1 (17ft), Philpott 2—Hurdle Race (120 yds, 10 flights): Philpott 1, Walton 2, Knight 3—Putting the Stone: Horner 1 (27ft 4½ in), Walton 2—Throwing the Cricket Ball: Parsons 1 (100 yds), Worsley 2 (88 yds 10 inches).—**Flat Race** (Two Miles): Cox 1, Worsley 2, Richardson 3.—**Consolation Race** (300 Yds): Stirling 1, Haggard 2, Everett 3.

**OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE ATHLETIC SPORTS.**—These sports will take place on the Christ Church Cricket Ground on Saturday, March 10. The events will be as follow:—1. Flat Race, 100 yds; 2. The High Jump; 3. Flat Race, quarter of a mile; 4. Hurdle Race, 120 yds, over 10 flights; 5. The Long Jump; 6. Putting the Stone; 7. The Hammer; 8. Flat Race, one mile; 9. Flat Race, two miles; 10. Throwing the Hammer. There will be two competitors from each University in the 100 Yds Race, the Hurdle Race, the Quarter of a Mile Race, the High Jump, the Long Jump, and "Weight Throwing"; in the remaining races there will be three starters from each University. The winners will be presented with silver medals.

**SERMONS.**—It is estimated that there are 75,040 sermons delivered every Sabbath day in the churches of Great Britain alone, or nearly 4,000,000 during the year.



MRS. STIRLING, the Celebrated Actress.—(See descriptive matter.)

Harry Andrews to state that he trained the principal competitors, and Mr. Charles Westhall also gave his great experience to assist in bringing off the proceedings so satisfactorily.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS.

## THE QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP.

In order to encourage the running at the University, Messrs. Lawes and Moncrieff offered a silver cup to be contended for in a quarter of a mile handicap, which took place on Saturday last, and produced no less than forty entries. The race was run in four heats, and the winners of the respective trials and the second men were allowed to run in the deciding heat. The handicapping was very fairly allotted, and a splendid succession of races was the result, especially in the final heat, when Mr. Polham, Third Trinity, who started from scratch, and Mr. Little, of St. Peter's, 5 yards start, made almost a dead heat for second place, a few yards behind the winner, Lord Aberdour, who had the long start of 57 yards. The handicap was as under:—Mr. Polham, scratch; Mr. Chetnam, Little, 5 yds start; Milvaia, Tiffany, Robow, Kennet, Morgan, Bailey, Long, Elliott, Conolly, Garnett, 15; Pearson, Lloyd, Buxton, Thompson, Bidcock, Roupell, Pritchard, Bindley, Pender, Load, Green, 20; Reid, Tronch, 25; Richardson, Powell, Duncombe, Kennedy, 30; Jackson, Prickett, Lord Melgund, 35; Willes, Gannoe, 40; Huntley, Forster, 45; Ellesmere, 50; Aberdour, 57; Peters, 60.

**First Heat.**—Lord Aberdour, with his long start, cut out the running. Mr. Polham ran well within himself as far as the old Pavilion, when he began to pass the others one by one, and coming into the



## CRICKET.

\* Secretaries and Members of Cricket Clubs are solicited to send to us early notices of Fixtures, Scores, etc., in order that they may appear in the columns of this journal.

## CRICKET REFORM.

In a complicated game like cricket, there must of necessity be points continually arising on which very different opinions will be expressed, and on which it is desirable that an authoritative decision should be pronounced from time to time. But the difficulty lies not so much (I might even say not at all) in the nature of these subjects of difference, as in the officious efforts of would-be reformers; for in cricket, as in politics, reform is often only another word for innovation. The silly and abortive scheme of a cricket parliament, brought forward a couple of years ago, and happily strangled in its birth, was intended, nominally, to obtain the opinions of the great body of cricketers on all questions in dispute, and to arrive at decisions thereon, from which there should be no appeal. But, in reality, it was neither more nor less than an attempt to subvert the authority of the Marylebone Club. The movement was natural, in some sort, for the always people in every branch of life, whose business it is to rebel against constituted power. Metropolitan vestrymen fancy that the thunder of their mis-aptured eloquence ought properly to resound from the Treasury Bench; and so the secretaries and treasurers of Little Fellingington Cricket Clubs sincerely believed that they were more qualified to occupy the seats of the cricket tribunal than the representatives of the public schools, the universities, and the army. And certainly this idea has the merit of being amusing and original. Perhaps it is a waste of time to rebut the ridiculous nonsense that was talked at many a meeting by many an angry countryman about the insufficiency of the Marylebone Club to represent the real opinions of cricketers, and its arrogance in dictating laws to the cricketing world. All this was merely the effervescence of excusable ignorance.

Not only are all cricketers, past and present, welcomed into the Marylebone Club, but to no one presenting the credentials of a gentleman has admission ever been refused. Utterly false, too, was it to say that the counties (as counties) are not represented. There is not a county in England that does not count several of its cricketers among the members of the M.C.C., not to speak of many others who, though not actually players, are yet good judges, and ardent lovers, of the game. The names of some prominent players in some counties are no doubt absent from the muster-roll at Lord's. Of these some would be gladly admitted, others are, from sufficient reasons, ineligible. The former are absent of their own choice; the latter—may they be long excluded?

If then all that is best, and all that has been best, of amateur talent; if the members of the public schools and the universities, and all who know, and all who really care about cricket; if these are not the fit and proper persons to legislate, and to decide disputes—who are? What fresh element could be introduced to give weight to the councils of the M.C.C.? Fossil cricketers, who live on recollections of the Hambledon club? Petulant secretaries with an eye to receipts? Visionary theorists who will prove to you geometrically or analytically that a man cannot be out leg before wicket? Dignified "gentlemen" whose creed is that it is more blessed to receive than to give? Aforiginal greybeards who give three warnings before calling a wide, and call "out" for a catch first-bound? Are these the new lights who are to illumine the poor intelligences of the captains of Harrow and Eton, of Oxford and Cambridge? I think not. Fruitful as this age is in acts of presumption, it is scarcely ripe for the realisation of a cricket parliament. The scheme will be revived, perhaps. Such things have a knack of re-appearing like noxious weeds. But fast as they may crop up, the work of destruction is more summary still. The "new lights" may flicker for a moment, but, depend upon it, again as before, the sputtering wick of innovation will be unconsciously extinguished by the snuffers of authority.

## COURSING.

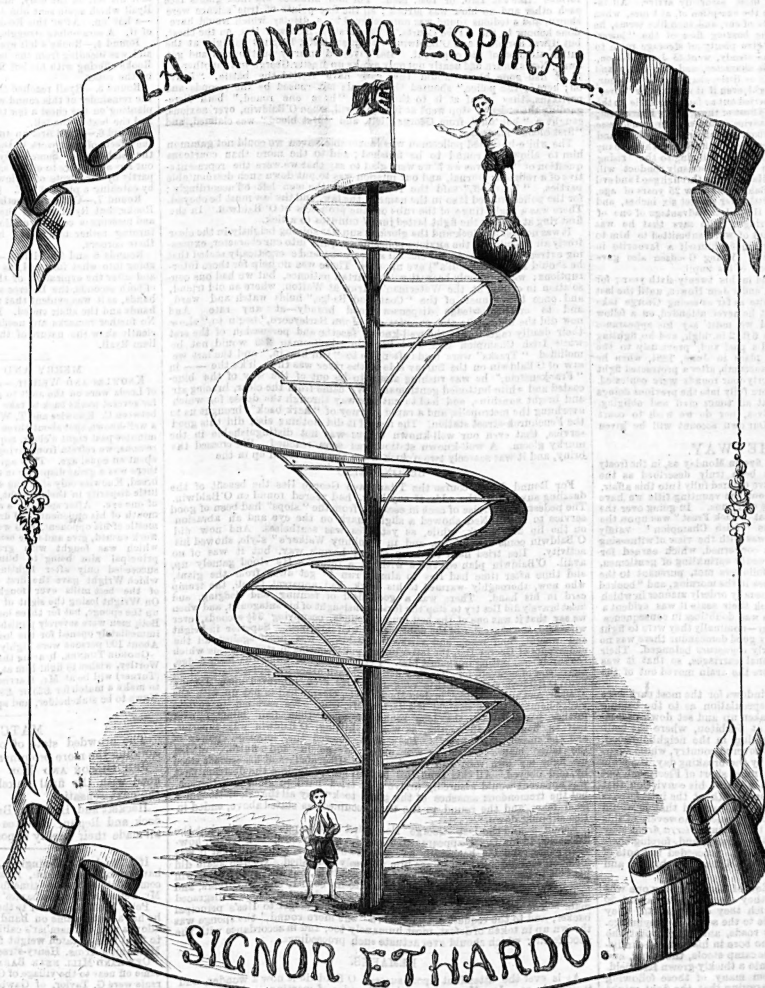
## COURSING AT HESLINGTON, NEAR YORK.

On Thursday last about 500 of the sporting fraternity and the followers of this popular sport assembled at Heslington to witness a coursing event on the estate of J. G. Yarbrough, Esq., Heslington Hall. There were 16 dogs entered, and as these included all the best dogs of this city and the neighbourhood, a great deal of interest was manifested. The following gentlemen kindly officiated as the stewards:—Mr. Kisdall, Mr. Sturdy, Mr. Stibler, Mr. George Firth, Mr. Carr, jun., Mr. T. Dixon, and Flag Steward Mr. Armstrong; Slipper, Mr. John Beckett; and Mr. John Batman was Judge. The following are the first tier.

Blackburn vs Hero beat Pearson's Goldie  
Blackburn vs Hazard beat Seamer's Little Miss  
Nelson's Polka beat Swain's Witch  
Smith's Joe beat Hurst's Biscuit  
Parker's Raglan beat Jewitt's Adonis  
Nelson's Jessy beat Hurst's Bravo  
Barker's Secret beat Steward's Red Bob  
Parker's Puss beat Johnson's Lucy.



ETHARDO, The Crystal Palace Great Attraction.—(See descriptive matter)



ETHARDO: His Wonderful Acrobatic.—(See Descriptive Matter.)

The day was not well suited for the sport, a thick fog came on, and the sport was brought to a close, the company retiring to Mr. Forth's the Black Bull Inn, on the Hull-road, where a substantial dinner was provided. Mr. W. Hornsey occupied the chair, and after dinner the company drank with musical cheers "Long life and happiness to J. G. Yarbrough, Esq." Other toasts followed, and the evening was spent in a pleasant and convivial manner. On the following day (Friday) Mr. Yarbrough extended his kindness, and permitted the remaining ties to be run off on his estate. The day was considerably finer than the previous one. The following is the result of the ties:—

SECOND TIES.  
Hero beat Polka  
Hazard beat Joe  
Jessy beat Raglan  
Secret beat Puss  
THIRD TIES.  
Jessy beat Hero  
Hazard beat Secret

Jessy and Hazard divided the money. The active and unwearied exertions of Mr. Dobson, the gamekeeper, received the thanks of all the company, and Mr. Batman, the Judge, was complimented for the excellent manner in which he had done his judicial duties.

## SHOOTING.

## BIRMINGHAM.

The match between Messrs. Butler and Smith, of Birmingham, to shoot at 25 pigeons each for £25 a side, came off at Aston Cross, on Monday last, under the usual conditions, and to find and trap against each other. The match excited great interest, and all the best shots in the district assembled to watch the event, there was consequently considerable investment at 2 to 1 on the gun and even on the match. Mr. Smith, of Lancaster-street, was appointed referee, and Mr. Thurstfield umpire. Mr. Smith commenced and killed fifteen out of his twenty-five; Mr. Butler followed and killed nineteen out of his number, and was therefore the winner. The score ran thus:—

Mr. Smith... 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1  
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PRIZE PIGEON MATCH.—A prize shooting match at pigeons, for two valuable horses, came off a few days since, between two crack shots (Mr. Thomas Sherwill, of the Union Hotel, Newton Abbot, and Mr. A. Caunter, of Parsworth Farm, Widdicombe), at Newton Abbot. Five birds were allowed to each. Mr. Sherwill killed in capital style the whole of his birds, while Mr. Caunter missed each shot; the former therefore carried off the stakes. Mr. Sherwill, however, afterwards sold Mr. Caunter his horse again for half its value. Several sweepstakes were subsequently shot for by Mr. Thos. Sarah (Prince of Wales Inn, Newton), and Mr. Caunter, the former being a decided winner. Mr. Sherwill next competed with Mr. Caunter on similar conditions, the result being the defeat of the latter. Mr. Sherwill and Mr. Sarah are open to shoot against any two sportsmen within fifteen miles of Newton.

ANCIENT SKELETONS.—During the past week while labourers have been employed in getting gravel upon the farm at Milvercote, Stratford-on-Avon, occupied by Mr. J. O. Adkins, they have discovered an immense number of skeletons of men, in an excellent state of preservation. Their appearance suggests that a great battle must have been fought upon or near the spot in some remote age. The bodies were laid in pretty regular order, with the heads in one direction, and it is calculated that the mound contains upwards of 3,000 of them. They lie at only 18 inches below the surface of the soil. All the skeletons are of males, and mostly young men, the teeth not showing the least decay.

YORK LICENSED VICTUALERS.—On Wednesday evening last, about forty of the York Licensed Victuallers Association and their friends met at the King's Arms Hotel, Fargate, to celebrate their 19th anniversary. The dinner was given in the large room of the hotel, and the landlord and landlady, Mr. and Mrs. Boal, displayed a spirit of liberality as purveyors which could not fail to satisfy the greatest epicure. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor was in the chair, and Mr. J. Hutchinson occupied the vice-chair. After dinner dessert was placed upon the tables and the chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, and they were drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and some visiting friends were added to the association as honorary members, and some very appropriate remarks were made. The report displayed the gratifying intelligence that the association had a balance of £496 6s. 6d. in hand. A suitable compliment was paid to the solicitor and secretary, Mr. James Grayson, jun., for his careful and earnest attention to the interests of the association.

On Monday the Hon. W. H. J. North (late master of the Warwickshire Hounds) and Mr. C. Milne, jun. (master of the North Warwickshire Hounds), were invited to a dinner at the Regent Hotel, Leamington, given by the gentlemen of the North Warwickshire Hunt. Lord Leigh, Lord Lieutenant of the county, presided.

Last Saturday an alarming collision occurred on the London and North Western Railway, near Eccles.

JEM WELSH is ready to fight Harry Taylor, at 8st 6lb, for £15 or £20 a side. Money at Mr. Brettles, White Lion, Digbeth, Birmingham.



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## BILLIARDS.

## THE GREAT BILLIARD MATCH AT THE PHILHARMONIC, ISLINGTON.

MESSRS. DUFTON AND HITCHIN, FOR £300.

Another most exciting match took place on Monday evening last, in the large billiard-room of the "Phil," the competitors being both of London (for a large stake), namely Messrs. W. Dufton and W. C. Hitchin. After weighing the balls, both men, who were loudly applauded on their entrance, strung for the lead, Dufton winning, and giving the usual miss in baulk, Hitchin following with another miss under the left cushion. Dufton went for the canon but failed to score, and they had alternate strokes until Dufton made a loser in the top right corner. He, however, did not keep on chalking, and save that Dufton was backed at £30 to £20, nothing of any interest or calling for remark occurred till the game stood at Dufton 46, Hitchin 16. Here the latter opened with a canon, and getting up to spot he scored five hazards, but broke down at the sixth, his break, which looked like a losing one, numbering 17 only, and after Dufton had improved his game to 60, Hitchin again got in with a 15, one stroke alone, however, counting eight out of that number.

When Dufton 90, Hitchin 65 was reached, the "little 'un," after Dufton had struck a double baulk, made a splendid side stroke canon, which called forth loud applause. This first 100 against Hitchin's 72 was reached by Dufton after twenty-five minutes' play, and here, getting the balls into play, he ran up a lively 28, mostly scored on the left side of the table. From 191 Dufton went at a break to 215, his opponent's score meanwhile being 117 only. The first quarter of the game, viz., Dufton 250, Hitchin 162, was played in 1h 2m, and, though both men had struck some magnificent shots—Hitchin's power appearing to lay in the quantity of side he could put on, and so bring off difficult canons, whilst Dufton's forte was certainly in his losing hazards—no great breaks were made, the highest being those recounted above.

A little into the third century Hitchin was for the second time 100 behind, but, after a few strokes he pulled himself together, and

again took first place by one point, but this was soon wrested from him, and Dufton turned the last corner, leaving Hitchin 11 behind. Numerous offers of £10 to £4 on Dufton here went a begging, but there was again a change in the betting, and the excitement became great after Hitchin ran up a 35, which left him at 925 to Dufton's 910. Another 28 to Hitchin, who left a double baulk, but Dufton played a splendid canon, and spoiled his "little game," and not content with this, he rattled away until 41 "well played" had been added to his account. By degrees each man neared the close, and the score stood at Hitchin 962, 968, 978, and 985; Dufton, as the following figures will show, gradually, but surely overhauling his opponent, and passing him in this wise—950, 966, 963, 992, 993. After this point Dufton made a couple of red losing hazards. Finally Dufton won the game by six strokes, at half-past one exactly, amidst loud cheers. Not much comment is necessary in regard to this match, Dufton having scored a lot of undeniable flukes, but he seldom made a break off what was left. Hitchin played immensely well, and in the first part a very uphill game. Neither scored great breaks. Not less than 200 persons were present, and Mr. Edgar Davis caused capital order to be maintained throughout.

It is but due to state that the match was played upon a fine new table, erected by Messrs. Burroughes and Watts, of Soho-square. It is of polished oak, and was before and also after the game, most deservedly admired by the numerous company present.

## W. JOHNSON AND A. HUGHES.

A Match of 1,000 was played on Saturday last at Mr. Ansell's billiard rooms, Old Bailey, between A. Hughes and W. Johnson, the former giving 400 points. After playing nearly two hours the competitors adjourned for refreshment, when the score stood—Johnson 750, Hughes 585. In the second half of the game Hughes gained steadily upon his opponent, but he was evidently overmatched, Johnson finally winning by 74 points. The score stood at the conclusion—Johnson, 1,000; Hughes, 926.

## HANDICAP AT THE PHILHARMONIC, ISLINGTON.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock on Friday night, this handicap was concluded with the following results:—Phillips 48, beat Groomer,

he gained, thousands could be observed. At the opening of the betting Lang was made the favourite, and as there appeared to be no money for Richards 3 to 1 was offered on Lang, but at the close the real odds were 6 to 4 on Lang. John Britton, the starter, despatched the man by pistol shot, when Richards went away with a lead of a yard, making the running at a terrific speed. Lang never attempted to pass him, and in the positions named they covered a quarter of a mile in 58 seconds. The pace was too much for Richards, for he soon began to slacken, and the next quarter took 67 seconds. Richards continued to lead the straight run home, Lang being in close attendance. About 120 yards from the finish Lang shot out, and won easily by thirty yards, Richards being run to a stand; so now it is really evident that Lang is the fastest mile runner in England. The official time of each quarter of a mile is as follows:—

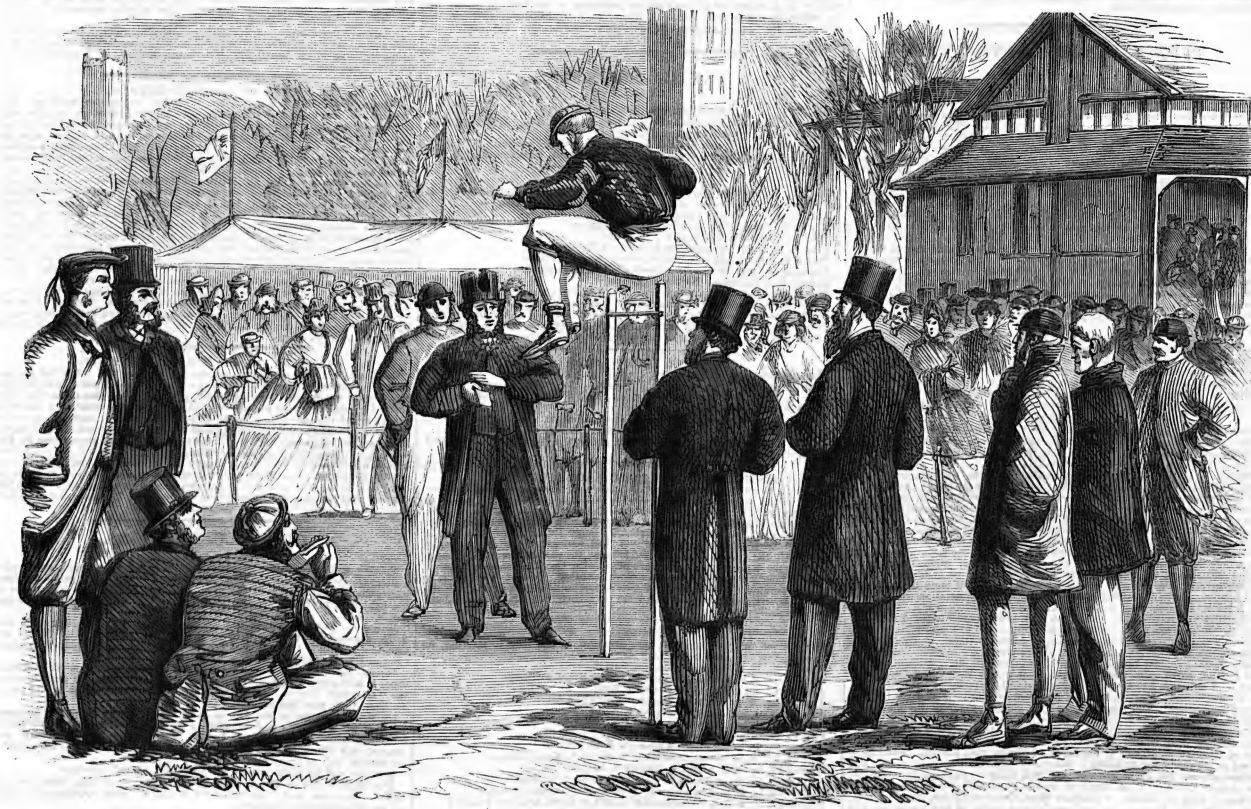
First quarter of a mile.....	0 min 58 sec.
Second quarter of a mile.....	1 min 6 sec.
Third quarter of a mile.....	1 min 10 sec.
Fourth quarter of a mile.....	1 min 7 sec.

Total, one mile..... 4 min 22 sec.

John Britton, who was the starter, was also the referee.

## CRICKET.

Our players have at last shaken off the lethargy which had taken possession of them since the late Intercolonial Cricket Match in Sydney, and are now determined to go in for the noble game with increased vigour. The first match of the season was played at the Green Hills ground between two elevens of the Victoria and Caxton clubs, on the 4th and 11th instant; the Caxtons are quite a young club and are deserving of great credit in playing against the strong eleven which the Victorians sent into the field, comprising as it does several gentlemen of "Intercolonial" celebrity. The play was very good, considering the hardness of the ground. The batting of Fowles, Sheehan, Watterston, and Macnish, on the Victoria side, was very fair. Beal and Lansley were the only players on the other who were able to make any stand against the bowling of Fowles and Macnish, which was well on the wicket. The Victorians went first to the wicket and made 121 runs, 21 of which were byes, &c. The Caxtons in their first innings scored 53 and in their second 47, leaving the Victoria eleven



THE HIGH JUMP.

LONDON ROWING CLUB ATHLETIC SPORTS AT BEAUFORT HOUSE.—Mr. R. GRAHAM (L.R.C.) clearing 5 feet 3 inches, and winning First Prize. (See page 164.)

rattled off a 32 in great style, his scow and twist shots being much admired. From this point he improved altogether in his play, and at 286, Dufton being 346, he struck several neat canons, and then got up to the spot, off which he ran six hazards, the break altogether numbering as previously 32. Dufton, evidently with the intention of keeping the game alive, followed with a quiet well-judged 34, and broke down at 380, leaving in Hitchin, who in turn put on a 36, the most made up to this point of the balls. Offers to bet 7 to 4 on Dufton were, however, allowed to pass untaken. At "402 all" loud applause filled the room, Hitchin's plosky up-hill game, played a-kinck luck, coming in for the lion's share. After Dufton had increased to 427, Hitchin, who was 408 only, went away with another 36, money being during the break invested at 3 to 2 on Dufton, but an offer at the close to take £100 to £80 met with no reply. When the game had been called at Dufton 489, Hitchin 434, the odds had veered round, and £15 to £10 was wanted about Dufton. Here he (Dufton) improved his position by a brilliant 40 break, in which though he got the spot stroke, only a couple of hazards were made, the remainder of the break being principally losers and roundabout canons. At Hitchin 527, Dufton 502, an adjournment for twenty minutes occurred.

At three minutes to eleven they returned, Hitchin being the striker. Neither got away until alternate strokes had been struck, and until Dufton 537 to Hitchin's 509. Here the former ran up a 24 in good style, and after a couple of shots each another 34, followed presently by a 22, which made his figures 616 to Hitchin's 606. £7 to £4 was at this point again laid on Dufton, who shot away with a prettily played 34. From 638 Hitchin added a 37, mostly composed of "losers," and again there was many a hearty clap of hands, and a "Well done, old man." Following up his style he ran up a really well-played 17, and afterwards got first into the eighth hundred, Dufton being 12 behind. Very closely the game was fought about this point, and though Dufton scored a 26 break directly after getting into the eighth "century," he was still 17 to the bad, and presently, when the "little 'un" had been at work again, 48 behind.

From 741 to 765 Dufton got at the balls, and again from 771 to 802, Hitchin still keeping ahead rather over a score; at 875, and after a hard tussle, Dufton succeeded in passing his adversary, who shortly

14; Baker, owed 5, beat Norman, 35; Wear, 8, beat Gilling, 53; Godwin, 10, beat Pethers, 40; Nicholls, 35, beat Low, 50; Coombes, 8, beat Lucas, 48; Ferguson, 38, beat C. S., 30. Third draw: Baker beat Coombes, Wear beat Nicholls, Ferguson beat Godwin, Jeans beat Wear. Fourth draw: Baker beat Wear (a most exciting game, won by three points only), Ferguson beat Jeans. The final heat proved an easy victory to Baker, who scored game to Ferguson's 69. The first prize was a handsome silver cigar case, formerly the property of the late Tom Sayers, which Mr. Edgar Davis, with a few appropriate remarks, presented to the winner, who, it will be recollected, carried off the first prize in Mr. George Davis's handicap a few weeks ago.

## SPORTS IN QUEENSLAND.

(From Bell's Life in Sydney.)

## PEDESTRIANISM.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YARDS RACE BETWEEN BREITHWAIT AND LENNON FOR £25 A SIDE.—On Thursday last these fast ones ran their match on the above conditions at Randwick. Both are well known among the pedestrians of Sydney; Lennon having won the Maiden Plate on the Albert ground, and after beating "the black fellow," adopted the title of champion: while Breithwait had been victorious sufficiently often to inspire a large amount of confidence in his friends, and give him a pretty good idea that he was not to be easily beaten. On the word being given, both bounded away and ran together for the first fifty yards; but when that distance had been paced, Breithwait went to the front, and leaving the favourite behind at his ease, won as he pleased without being approached after he once took the lead. The time of the race was not taken.

THE RACE FOR THE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.—The deciding heat between Lang and Richards, who ran a dead-heat in the fastest time on record, on the 19th of August, came off on the 26th of the same month, resulting as follows. The time on the previous occasion was 1 min 17 1/2 sec. The last being such a near thing, the excitement was so great that in the interior of the grounds there could be not less than 6,000 spectators, whilst outside, wherever a view of the ground could

be gained, thousands could be observed. At the opening of the betting Lang was made the favourite, and as there appeared to be no money for Richards 3 to 1 was offered on Lang, but at the close the real odds were 6 to 4 on Lang. John Britton, the starter, despatched the man by pistol shot, when Richards went away with a lead of a yard, making the running at a terrific speed. Lang never attempted to pass him, and in the positions named they covered a quarter of a mile in 58 seconds. The pace was too much for Richards, for he soon began to slacken, and the next quarter took 67 seconds. Richards continued to lead the straight run home, Lang being in close attendance. About 120 yards from the finish Lang shot out, and won easily by thirty yards, Richards being run to a stand; so now it is really evident that Lang is the fastest mile runner in England. The official time of each quarter of a mile is as follows:—

## HUNTING.

## A SPLENDID RUN WITH THE BRAMHAM-MOOR HOUNDS.

Friday last will be a memorable day in the annals of the Bramham-Moor Hunt. The sports of our forefathers used to make the woodlands of our Merrie England ring, but the boys on their bob-tailed half-breds never went such a slashing pace as this was for three hours and twenty minutes. The most took place at Thorp-Arch, a village about three miles from Wetherby, ten from Harrogate, twelve from York, and thirteen from Leeds. The best of our riders came from these places, and punctually at eleven o'clock the noble form and smiling face of George Lane Fox, Esq., were seen with his huntsman and hounds and about 200 well-mounted gentlemen. After exchanging a few compliments of they started to Walton Wood. Here they found a splendid old fox, and getting clear of the Wood, their hounds well laid on, away dashed this splendid field of horsemen at a racing pace to Shire-Oaks, and forward to Callerton Springs. In going up to Healaugh and on to Aughton a few of the dark-coated Nimrods went to earth, and were no more seen that day. The fox, however, leaving Aughton on the left, ran up to the high side of back to Walton Wood, through which the noble hounds rattled him along to very near Thorp-Arch Railway Station, and back again to Walton Wood. Tally ho! forward—tally ho! tally ho! and away Aughton, with a slight check; and again tally ho! forward, was the distance began to tell, and the gallant pack drew upon their fox, and finally rushed in upon him at Callerton Spring. The run occupied three hours and twenty minutes over the finest part of this country with only one check. This is like one of the old-fashioned runs with the pace increased to racing.





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